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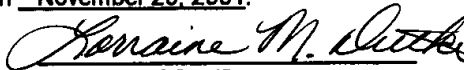
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c) applicants disclose to the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDC form PTO-1449; a copy of these documents are enclosed. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to consider them and note that consideration where provided on the IDC. The relevance of the non-English documents is that they are exemplary of the use of amylases in detergents, as disclosed in WO98/07818, which has been cited against the claims by the Examiner.

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or

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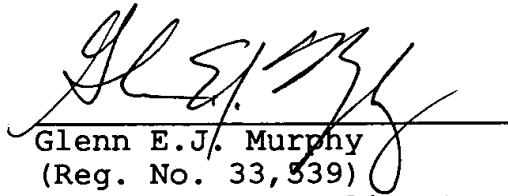
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that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitutes prior art. Therefore applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of these documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should they be applied against the claims.

No final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 has been received in the above captioned application. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 the required \$240.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 for filing an Information Disclosure Statement. Order No. 01-0825. The Assistant Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1250.

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Enclosures
1. IDC w/references